GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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INVESTMENT FACILITATION FUND
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Will the Minister of FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have decided to set up an Investment FacilitationFund to provide assistance to those States which need assistance in modifying policies and procedures for promoting foreign and domestic investment;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which a final decision is expected?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ANANDRAO V. ADSUL)

(a) to (c): The Steering Committee on Foreign Direct Investment set up by the Planning Commission has recommended, inter alia, that an Investment Facilitation Fund can be set up to provide assistance to those States which need assistance in modifyingpolicies and procedures for promoting foreign and domestic investment. The Steering Committee felt that the proposed Fundcould have two components: technical assistance and financial assistance, the latter contingent on State specific reforms. The recommendation is under examination of the Government.